

1 WHEREAS, According to IOC documents, wrestling ranked
2 "low" in several of the technical criteria; and

3 WHEREAS, The decision to phase out wrestling will have a
4 detrimental impact on many teams around the world, including
5 the United States, whose wrestling medals are only outnumbered
6 by swimming and track and field; and

7 WHEREAS, Wrestling is also one of the most popular youth
8 sports in the United States, with nearly 275,000 competitors
9 from 2010 to 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Wrestling is a diverse, popular, and historic
11 sport, and it is fitting and proper that the IOC keep wrestling
12 in the Olympic Games after the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro,
13 Brazil; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we request that the IOC revisit the decision to drop wrestling
17 from the Olympic Games after the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro,
18 Brazil, and urge the IOC to keep wrestling as an Olympic sport;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 delivered to Richard Bender, Executive Director of USA
2 Wrestling; James Considine, Illinois State Director of USA
3 Wrestling; and the United States Olympic Committee.".